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Motorists in parts of the country could pay a little more for gasoline in coming days because of the shutdown of a leaking pipeline in Alabama. Experts say that any spike in service-station prices will be felt most in the Southeast and should only be temporary.

8 — Colonial Pipeline spill causes gas shortages and price increases across region, WCYB, 9/18/2016

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Drivers are starting to see gas prices jump across the East Coast. A leak in Alabama has shut down part of an important pipeline providing gas to the Eastern US. The Colonial Pipeline services thirteen states and runs from Texas all the way to New Jersey. It provides forty percent of all gas for the East Coast. More than a week ago a spill caused part of the pipeline to be closed, it has already spilled around 250,000 gallons of gas.

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No chemical used by farmers, it seems, gets more attention than glyphosate, also known by its trade name, Roundup. That's mainly because it is a cornerstone of the shift to genetically modified crops, many of which have been modified to tolerate glyphosate. This, in turn, persuaded farmers to rely on this chemical for easy control of their weeds. (Easy, at least, until weeds evolved to become immune to glyphosate, but that's a different story.)

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11 — Planned student protest hopes to spark conversation, Daily Texan Online, 9/19/2016

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When a major river on Kristian Byrd's home reservation was accidentally contaminated with toxic mine runoff by the EPA earlier this year, she was devastated. After learning about the proposed Dakota Access Pipeline, a conduit planned to run crude oil from North Dakota to Illinois that could contaminate Standing Rock Sioux's main water source, the civil engineering senior and Native American and Indigenous Collective co-president knew she wanted to start a conversation at UT to raise awareness about Native American water rights.

12 — Birth Defects, EPA Begins Cleanup Of Uranium Mines On Navajo Reservation, Mint Press, 9/19/2016

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A cleanup effort funded by a \$1 billion bankruptcy settlement is underway to reverse the devastating effects of uranium mine pollution on the Navajo Nation. Hundreds of abandoned mines are scattered across their territory in Arizona and New Mexico, and on Aug. 31 the Environmental Protection Agency issued a request for bids, offering \$85 million to environmental assessment firms that can document the damage and determine where best to focus resources.

13 — Water Systems Are Out Of Compliance, SWIK News, 9/18/2016

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Dozens of public water systems across Oklahoma, including 18 in Southwest Oklahoma, have been cited for being out of compliance with a water quality standard set by the federal Environmental Protection Agency and are working with the state's Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) on plans to meet the standard.



Stokes and Byers: Toxic waste must be removed from San Jac river

By Bob Stokes and Robby Byers | September 16, 2016

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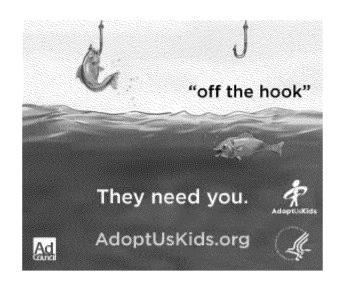


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A sign warns fisherman and visitors not to eat contaminated seafood caught from the water along Interstate 10 near the San Jacinto River east of Houston in Channelview. (Chronicle file photo)

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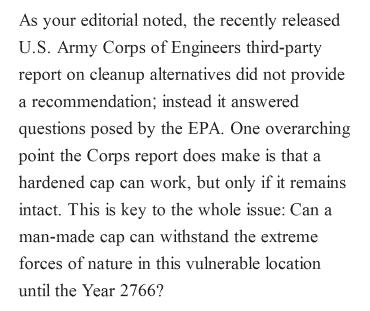
As your recent editorial noted ("Remove the Waste," Page A22, Sept. 3), the Environmental Protection Agency has before it two general options to address this mess: dig up and remove the waste from the site, or try to contain the waste in place in a hurricane- and flood-prone area with an armored rock cap. We believe the best solution is to remove the waste now, rather than pass on the possibility of future contamination to our kids, grandkids and great-grandkids.



Some of the dioxin originally placed there in the 1960s has leaked out over time and has been passed up the aquatic food chain into fish and crab, presenting a serious health hazard to people who eat fish and crab from parts of the river and Bay. The 200,000 cubic yards of dioxincontaminated wastes that remain still pose such a great threat that the EPA required the parties responsible for cleanup to place a temporary armored rock cap on it in 2011 to try to prevent further release. The cap has had repeated problems in its five short years. Last December, a large hole was found in the cap's northwest quadrant, exposing the river to the wastes. What makes this all the more troubling is the fact that dioxin is extremely persistent. The EPA has calculated that it will take 750 years for the dioxin in the pits to degrade to a nontoxic concentration. Despite these problems, those responsible for the wastes now want to convince EPA that they can make the cap permanent by simply adding more rock in some areas.

OPINION

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The Corps report is not reassuring at all. It states that 80 percent of the cap would incur severe erosion under an "extreme hydrologic event." We know from experience that it is only a matter of time before another major hurricane or disastrous flood strikes this area. Conversely, a full removal alternative would isolate the wastes from the river, using the latest industry-accepted methods, to minimize and nearly eliminate any concern about resuspending waste during removal. This practice, which would take care of the





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problem once and for all, has been successfully used in other cleanups across the nation.

This cap only needs to fail once for us to have an ecological and economic disaster on our hands. A breach of the cap by a hurricane would lead to a significant uncontrolled release of dioxin into the San Jacinto River and Galveston Bay, and the seafood we love to eat and upon which thriving recreational and commercial fisheries depend.

Rather than leaving the waste onsite forever, the EPA should insist that the waste is removed. This solution, completed in a timely fashion, is less risky than relying on a man-made cap to keep this waste in place in what amounts to forever in this vulnerable location. All eight local congressional representatives whose districts touch the Bay or tidal tributary waters have called

for removal - a strong showing of bipartisan support! The EPA needs to call for removal, as well. Let's solve this problem now and not pass it on to future generations.

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The public is invited to the meeting, which is set for 1 p.m. Thursday in Colfax Town Hall, 1290 Main St. in Colfax.

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Cold War says Los Alamos National Laboratory and neighboring areas won't be free from the legacy waste for more than 20 years, and the project's costs could reach nearly \$4 billion.

The August report by the lab's Environmental Management Office, released publicly this week, provides the clearest picture the public has seen of the scope of work left to rid the lab and surrounding canyons of radioactive waste and environmental contamination. It lists 955 sites that could contain contamination and says 5,000 cubic meters of legacy waste remain at the lab — half the total that workers began cleaning up 25 years ago.

The Legacy Waste Cleanup Lifecycle Cost Estimate follows a new agreement in June between the lab, the state Environment Department and the U.S. Department of Energy for cleanup guidelines. A previous cleanup order expired in December with several missed deadlines.

The revised consent order has been criticized by some groups who say its deadlines are too flexible and that it loosens the state's reins over the project. Some say language in the consent order encourages the government to pursue work only when it is most cost-effective, which could lead to further delays and "cap-and-cover" procedures rather than waste removal.

State and federal officials had been vague about plans to tackle the waste cleanup under the new order. But the new report includes an analysis of 17 specific cleanup campaigns expected to be completed around 2040 at a cost of up to \$3.8 billion.

Democratic members of the state's congressional delegation helped obtain the report at the request of the Regional Coalition of LANL Communities, which includes Santa Fe. At a Senate subcommittee hearing Wednesday, U.S. Sen. Tom Udall urged U.S. Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz to release documents and to work with New Mexico on estimating the total lab cleanup costs to ensure adequate funding.

"This report represents the first and most comprehensive release of specific plans to complete the cleanup of legacy waste at LANL," Santa Fe Mayor Javier Gonzales, vice chairman of the regional coalition, said in a statement. It "is a big step forward for the people in these communities who want to see a concrete commitment to making progress."

Gonzales, who is in Washington, D.C., this week, praised the efforts of Udall, as well as U.S. Sen. Martin Heinrich and Rep. Ben Ray Luján, for releasing the document to the coalition.

"As of today, we know more and can rest more assured than at any time in the history of this effort," he added.

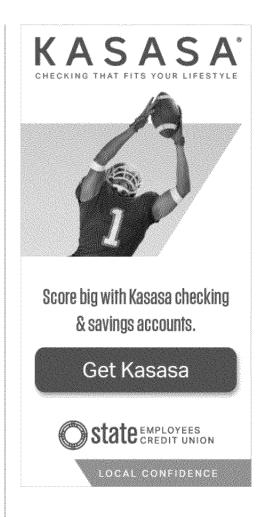
Coalition Executive Director Andrea Romero said the document provides a foundation for local advocacy. "After years of requests for this document," Romero said, "we now have the tool that can get us to additional cleanup dollars to get the job done."

In an email Thursday, Udall was more cautious, saying legacy waste cleanup at Los Alamos still has a long way to go and could cost more than estimates suggest.

Greg Mello, director of the Los Alamos Study Group, expressed doubt that the cleanup work would follow the timeline outlined in the draft report. Costs could escalate, he said, and the new consent order could be renegotiated in the future, as the previous one was.

The cleanup work will have to compete with funding for new lab programs, as well as a backlog of maintenance work at aging structures infested with asbestos and rodents. The effort comes as the federal government is planning to rebid the lab's operations contract in 2018 and usher in new management following a series of missteps and safety concerns.

Among the first areas to be remediated, the report says, are contaminated sites adjacent to the town of Los Alamos. The project is expected to be complete in 2019



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or 2020 and cost up to \$6.4 million. Next up is a \$50 million campaign to decommission and demolish contaminated structures at the lab by 2022.

The lab is currently excavating plutonium-laced soil from canyons near Los Alamos. The dirt is being bagged, tested and transported to Utah for storage, The Associated Press reported earlier this week. At the beginning of the month, the lab requested a round of 45 demolition projects by the year's end, including buildings and smaller structures.

But the process of removing thousands of barrels of radioactive waste from the lab's Area G to a permanent storage at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant near Carlsbad will likely not be complete for another 20 years and will cost more than \$740 million, according to the report. The document notes that more investigation, testing and emergency preparedness training must be finished before the waste removal can begin again.

The report says delays in cleaning up Area G are largely due to new discoveries of contamination, two major forest fires in Los Alamos, insufficient funding and the 2014 shutdown of WIPP, the nation's only underground nuclear waste storage site, following a radiation leak caused by a barrel of transuranic waste from the lab that burst in an underground cell.

The document also outlines how the lab will address a 65-acre site within Area G that contains underground waste pits and a vapor plume of volatile organic compounds, a project that isn't expected to be finished until 2040. But language in the report suggests the possibility that officials could decide, instead, to bury the waste on site, a concern some critics had raised when the cleanup order was approved.

If the Department of Energy "determines that removal of portions of the retrievable TRU [transuranic] waste is unsafe for workers or is cost prohibitive relative to risk reduction benefits," the report says, "DOE may propose incorporating this waste into corrective action" at Area G and Area L "through regulatory options available."

A groundwater plume of hexavalent chromium — a carcinogenic metal that targets the kidney, skin and eyes — may not be cleaned up until 2040 — and even then, a continuous treatment process of pumping and filtering the water will be required, the report says. The chemical leaked from cooling towers in the 1960s.

As the lab works to clean up old waste over the next few decades, it also will be producing new plutonium pits — the grapefruit-size fission triggers inside nuclear bombs that are a key part of the government's plan to modernize the nation's nuclear weapons stockpile. Lab Director Charles McMillan has said the program to restart pit production, which will generate new nuclear waste, is 95 percent complete.

This leaves unanswered questions about where that waste will go and how much it will add to the contamination at Los Alamos.

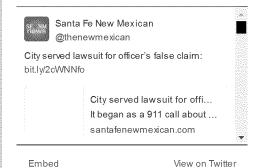
"The land will always be contaminated," Mello said. "... I think it is very important for people to understand that more nuclear waste is being generated all the time."

Heinrich acknowledged that pit production would generate some new waste for storage at WIPP, but said in a statement that "modern safety and environmental regulations will prevent the unsafe and outdated disposal waste methods."

Udall also addressed the issue of new waste at the lab: "We must learn from the past and ensure that any future waste streams from LANL operations are handled and disposed of properly from the start," he said.

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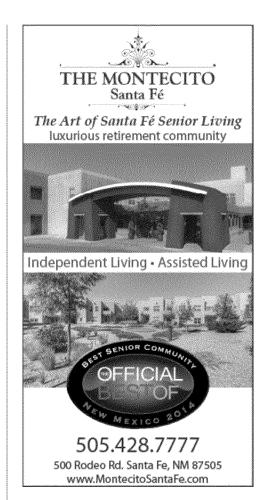


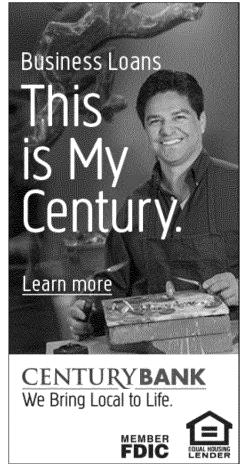
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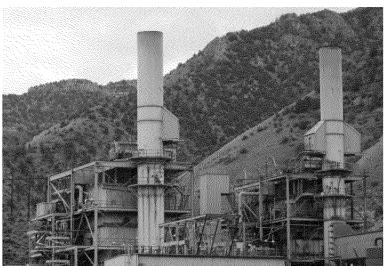
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"We are seeing reductions earlier than we ever expected," U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Gina McCarthy said in an interview. "It's a great sign that the market has already shifted and people are invested in the newer technologies, even while we are in litigation."

States engaged in the legal battle that is set for an appellate court hearing later this month say their concerns go beyond whether they can meet the mandate. The states — most of them led by Republican governors — say they object to what they view as federal overreach by President Barack Obama and the Democrats and want to maintain flexibility to make energy decisions at the state level that reflect changing market conditions.

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Cynthia Coffman, attorney general of Colorado, said her state's likely ability to comply with the Clean Power Plan's mandate "truly is not the issue."

"We don't have anything against clean air," Coffman said. "That really doesn't factor into my decision to say the federal government has gone beyond its legal authority."

Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt said that he sees the Clean Power Plan as a form of federal "coercion and commandeering" of energy policy and that the state should have "sovereignty to make decisions for its own markets."

The Obama administration finalized the Clean Power Plan in 2015 as a central part of meeting U.S. obligations under the Paris Climate Agreement.

In February, the U.S. Supreme Court stayed implementation of the rule pending resolution of the states' litigation. Later this month, a panel of the District of Columbia Circuit Court is scheduled to hear arguments in the case.

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The Clean Power Plan sets carbon-reduction goals for each state, but allows states to decide how to meet them.

During the early years of implementation, the goals are guidelines intended to put states on track to meet the final deadline of 2030. If a state fails to submit a plan to the EPA by interim deadlines, the agency can impose its own plan on that state's power producers. Failure to comply by 2030 could open a state up to administrative penalties and lawsuits.

To be sure, some states fighting the mandate would have to drastically change course to meet it. West Virginia, which is leading the legal challenge with Texas, still relies largely on carbon-spewing, coal-fired power. And Wisconsin, North Dakota, Montana and Wyoming have large gaps between their current emissions and the plan's mandates.

But, in a reflection of how rapidly the power market is shifting, the U.S. Energy Information Administration earlier this year reduced its forecast for 2030 power plant carbon emissions by nearly 11 percent, without factoring in reductions that may be generated by the Clean Power Plan.

The projection for the nation as a whole would be nearly two-thirds of the Clean Power Plan's target by 2030, even if the law never takes effect.

A 2015 analysis by consulting firm M.J. Bradley & Associates for the Environmental Defense Fund found that 21 of the 27 states suing to block the Clean Power Plan are on track to meet its 2024 targets with existing plants and planned investments.

Eighteen states are on track to hit the 2030 targets with no changes to current plans, according to the Bradley analysis, which was filed with the court as part of an amicus brief from the Environmental Defense Fund in support of the government.

And the outlook has improved for some states since the Bradley forecast. It didn't expect Arkansas, for example, to meet the 2024 target. But in 2015, after shifting significant energy generation from coal to natural gas, the state reported power plant emissions for the year that were below the 2030 requirement.

Some of the states contesting the rules say they object to strict timelines.

"The Clean Power Plan is very dramatic in the speed at which it would require things to happen," Chris Nelson, chairman of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, said. "If you let the market play out, those things take care of themselves."

Texas also has protested the Clean Power Plan's timetable, saying it would require the construction of transmission lines that could raise costs for consumers. But the state already has moved heavily into wind and solar in recent years, and it is nearing its 2030 goals.

John Hall, Texas director for Environmental Defense Fund and a former environmental regulator for the state, said Texas could profit from the rule, noting the state ranks at the top of the list of wind energy producers, and it is making big moves into solar.

"The Clean Power Plan would enable Texas to make money by exporting wind and solar electricity," he said.

States that export coal or gas-fired power, on the other hand, are concerned about their ability to keep doing so.

"It is very important that we don't get caught in the fray of an EPA energy policy that dictates what we do as an exporting state," Stuart Spencer, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality Associate Director, said.

Whatever happens in court, energy policy will remain a highly charged political issue. Republicans are overwhelmingly opposed to the administration's attempts to curb carbon emissions.

"When I ran for office, I promised I would do everything in my power to protect coal miners' jobs," West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey said in a statement to Reuters. "I have followed through on that promise."

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After contamination, Pentagon inspects bases for pollutants

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Three cities in Colorado have identified the same chemical toxin in their water supply, leading officials to speculate a nearby military base may be to blame.

Local water systems in Fountain, Widefield and Security, all in El Paso County, have tested positive for perfluorinated compounds (PFCs).

Such compounds are used industrially to make firefighting foam and carpets. The chemical is also used for military purposes.

In studies, U.S. EPA has linked PFCs to cancer and low birth weights in infants.

One resident attested to buying filtered water daily due to contaminated water at home.

"All I know is it's not healthy," Brenda Piontkowski said. "I can't drink my tap water."

Peterson Air Force Base could be the cause of the contamination, Colorado health officials said (*Greenwire*, Aug. 18).

The Pentagon has been investigating hundreds of sites for PFC contamination.

"It's important for us to study the problem and see where [PFCs are] located so we spend the future dollars on the right places," said Daniel Medina, who has studied PFCs at Air Force bases.

The Air Force has spent \$137 million to study PFC pollution since 2010. It has recommended further study at almost 200 bases.

"The Air Force is committed to human health and the environment," said Air Force spokeswoman Angelina Casarez "We are working diligently to sample groundwater and drinking water to ensure the safety and wellbeing of those on and off our installations."

EPA moved to further limit PFC exposure in May, tightening its health advisory levels.

"These numbers incorporate a margin of protection, and would be protective over the course of a lifetime of exposure in drinking water to these levels," said Joel Beauvais, EPA's deputy assistant administrator for the Office of Water. "And they would also be protective against the developmental effects that might be associated with short-term exposures during pregnancy" (Grace Hood, NPR, Sept. 15). — GD

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Why Texas may dodge an increase in gas prices that could hit the Southeast

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DALLAS - - Motorists in parts of the country could pay a little more for gasoline in coming days because of the shutdown of a leaking pipeline in Alabama.

Experts say that any spike in service-station prices will be felt most in the Southeast and should only be temporary.

Colonial Pipeline Co. doesn't expect to fully reopen its primary gasoline pipeline, which has spilled more than 250,000 gallons near Birmingham, until next week. The pipeline is used to send gasoline from refineries on the Texas

Gulf coast to states in the Southeast and along the East Coast.

Prices on futures contracts for wholesale gasoline rose about 2 percent in afternoon trading Friday to \$1.46 a gallon after rising 5 percent on Thursday.

Colonial said that supply disruptions would be felt first in Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina.

Tom Kloza, an energy analyst with the Oil Price Information Service, said some stations in the Southeast could run short on supply and boost their prices by 20 or 30 cents a gallon.

"The Colonial pipeline is the metaphorical aorta for the supply the most populated regions of the country, and you've lost 10 days of blood flow," Kloza said. The good news, he added, is that the disruption comes at a time when gasoline prices are down sharply from a couple years ago.

If prices rise, the effect could be felt the hardest in Tennessee, which is supplied by a spur off the leaky pipeline.

Trade groups for service stations and convenience stores in Tennessee assured consumers that the pumps won't run dry. They said fuel wholesalers were hauling gasoline in from fuel terminals and refineries that don't depend on the downed pipeline.

"Tankers are just having to drive farther to get the fuel," said Emily LeRoy, executive director of the Tennessee Fuel and Convenience Store Association.

Pump-price increases should be smaller in the Mid-Atlantic, Kloza said, because any shortfall from the shutdown of the Colonial pipeline could be made up within about 10 days by tankers arriving from Europe.

Jim Ritterbusch, who advises energy investors, said the surge in gasoline futures was exaggerated. A large surplus of gasoline in the central-Atlantic region should have cushioned the blow of the pipeline accident, he said.

By the end of September, the bulk of the price spike should be erased as higher prices attract more supply to fill the void, he wrote in a note to clients.

Near Birmingham, work crews were trying Friday to repair the pipeline. Georgia-based Colonial Pipeline said most of the spilled gasoline has been corralled in a retention pond, and it downplayed any threat to public safety. It's not clear when the leak started. It was detected Sept. 9.

Colonial said it was making up some of the gasoline shortfall by using another pipeline that usually carries diesel and jet fuel. The company said fuel shippers were also sending tankers to supply markets along the East Coast.

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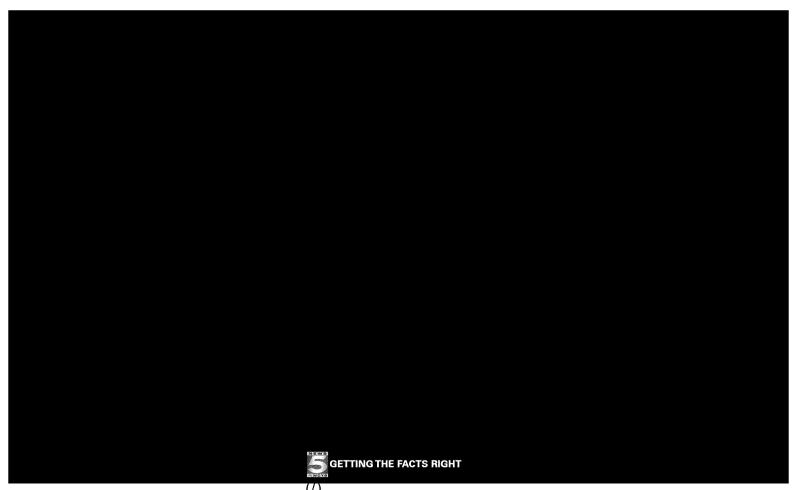


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Drivers are starting to see gas prices jump across the East Coast. A leak in Alabama has shut down part of an important pipeline providing gas to the Eastern US.

The Colonial Pipeline services thirteen states and runs from Texas all the way to New Jersey. It provides forty percent of all gas for the East Coast. More than a week ago a spill caused part of the pipeline to be closed, it has already spilled around 250,000 gallons of gas.

In the wake of the leak, gas prices across Tennessee are climbing and some stations are xat out of fuel.

"Gas prices going up," said concerned driver, Adam Howard. "Of course, yeah, that's de Chitely something to worry about."

Prices could rise by twenty cents a gallon or more, and now drivers in our region are feeling the impact of the increase.

"Friday it was like \$1.98," said Adam Howard. "Saturday morning we got up and rode into town to get some breakfast and noticed the gas price had jumped to \$2.09, and overnight."

Carl Howard runs a towing company and is worried about how the rising prices will affect his business.

"We're going to have to put a couple jobs together to help cover the gas and the fuel prices," said Carl Howard. "So you know, it will work out a little better if we do that, but still the fuel is going to affect what we're doing."

Several states including Virginia have declared a state of emergency due to the fuel shortages. Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam has issued an executive order waiving federal hours of service requirements for drivers delivering fuel.

"We urge Tennesseans to maintain their normal fuel purchasing and driving patterns to help prevent any potential impacts on our fuel supply while the pipeline undergoes repairs," said Governor Haslam in a statement.

Bad weather conditions have slowed the process of Öxing the pipeline. Colonial Pipeline said they are working to repair the leak and expect to have it up and running as soon as they can.

Currently Tennessee's gas average is \$2.01, for more information on national, state and metro fuel averages go to GasPrices.AAA.com (http://gasprices.aaa.com/).

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EPA Weighs In On Glyphosate, Says It Doesn't Cause Cancer

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No chemical used by farmers, it seems, gets more attention than glyphosate, also known by its trade name, Roundup. That's mainly because it is a cornerstone of the shift to genetically modi Öed crops, many of which have been modi Öed to tolerate glyphosate. This, in turn, persuaded farmers to rely on this chemical for easy control of their weeds. (Easy, at least, until weeds evolved to become immune to glyphosate, but that's a different story.)

Glyphosate had been considered among the safest of herbicides. So it was a shock to many, last year, when the International Agency for Research on Cancer announced (http://www.npr.org/sections/thesalt/2015/03/24/394912399/a-top-weedkiiller-probably-causes-cancer-should-we-be-scared) that this chemical is probably carcinogenic.

Since that announcement, however, others have looked at the same collection of data and come to contrary conclusions. The European Food Safety Agency convened a group of experts who concluded (http://www.npr.org/sections/thesalt/2015/11/13/455810235/european-cancer-experts-dont-agree-on-how-risky-roundup-is) that glyphosate probably does not cause cancer. So did the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization (http://www.who.int/foodsafety/jmprsummary2016.pdf?ua=1).

Now the Environmental Protection Agency has issued its own report (http://src.bna.com/iE2), and it also concludes that glyphosate is not likely to cause cancer in humans. Outside scientists will review the report in October.

The report is part of a lengthy process by which EPA is reviewing many agricultural chemicals, and deciding whether farmers will be allowed to use them.

European regulators, meanwhile, are locked in a political battle over whether glyphosate use will continue to be permitted on that continent. The European Commission has authorized (http://europa.eu/rapid/pressrelease MEMO-16-2012 en.htm) continued sales of the chemical, but only temporarily.

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Crews begin work on bypass line to skirt gas leak

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Crews with Colonial Pipeline are continuing to work to fix a gas line break in Alabama that's disrupted delivery of the fuel to several states along the East Coast.

On Saturday evening, officials with the company provided an update to the situation, saying they've begun executing their approved plan to construct a bypass line around the leak site to return service as quickly as possible.

But after a spike in gas prices

(http://www.11alive.com/money/gas-prices-in-georgia-to-rise-after-pipeline-spill/319416436) and now reports of dry gas station pumps, drivers could see the situation get worse before it gets better. Drivers are already seeing spotty outages and plastic bags covering pumps in several parts of the metro area.

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The company <u>first detected the spill a week (http://www.wvtm13.com/news/Workers-repairing-pipeline-that-spill-gas-near-Birmingham/41680648)</u> ago on Sept. 9 and said more than 250,000 gallons of gasoline spilled from a pipeline that connects refineries in Houston to the South and the eastern seaboard. Drivers from Alabama to Tennessee and Virginia could be impacted.



Engineers finally got to inspect the break on Friday after weather conditions improved and began working on the break through the night. They don't have an estimate for when repairs will be complete, but officials are working to try to make sure that whatever impacts felt are minimal.

"The top priority of the unified response effort – which includes the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and other federal, state and local agencies – remains the safety and protection of the public, responders, and the environment," the <u>Alpharetta-based company</u> (http://www.colpipe.com/home) said in a statement.

On Thursday, Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal declared a state of emergency. (http://www.11alive.com/news/local/gov-deal-declares-state-of-emergency-to-keep-fuel-flowing-after-pipeline-leak/319281189) that lifted the federal rules that limit how long truckers can work to allow more gas to be brought into the state. The lift allows truckers to exceed their maximum hour limits so they can bring gas to Georgia over roads and highways while the pipeline is being repaired. The EPA has also relaxed several of its regulations (https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-09/documents/multi-statefuelwaiver.pdf).



Work crews have made a lot of progress, but the company has pushed back the estimate for a complete startup of Line 1 from this weekend to next week. That line normally carries 1.3 million barrels a day.

There's a second line that carries jet fuel and diesel but the company's using that to deliver some gasoline for now.

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History and economics junior Yasmeen Davila and civil engineering senior Kristian Byrd, co-presidents of the Native-American and Indigenous Collective, oppose the proposed Dakota Access Pipeline. The pipeline would run through the Standing Rock Sioux tribe's sacred land and potentially contaminate their main water source.

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When a major river on Kristian Byrd's home reservation was accidentally contaminated with toxic mine runoff by the EPA earlier this year, she was devastated. After learning about the proposed Dakota Access Pipeline, a conduit planned to run crude oil from North Dakota to Illinois that could contaminate Standing Rock Sioux's main water source, the civil engineering senior and Native American and Indigenous Collective co-president knew she wanted to start a conversation at UT to raise awareness about Native American water rights.

Energy Transfer Partners plans to run a 1,127-mile pipeline from North Dakota to Illinois that is projected to run through the Standing Rock Sioux tribe's sacred lands and burial sites as well as potentially contaminate their main source of water if the conduit breaks.

Byrd said that on her reservation, most residents rely on rivers since many houses do not have running water. According to the American Indian Relief Council, many houses lack adequate water infrastructure, so people are often forced to use alternative sources like rivers. In response to the proposed pipeline, ReZpect Our Water, a movement that opposes the construction of the oil conduit, began protesting at the construction site in early August of this year.

A protest unaffiliated with NAIC will be held on campus in solidarity with ReZpect Our Water Sept. 24, the same day as the Texas Tribune Festival, which will be hosting some of the biggest names in Texas politics. Similarly, NAIC will be holding a workshop Monday to discuss the issue. Since the protest is not being heavily covered by major news organizations, the workshop aims to educate students about native people's water and land rights.

Yasmeen Davila, NAIC co-president and history and economics junior, said she also feels strongly about the Dakota pipeline because it continues a history of oppression against native peoples. She hopes the workshop will raise awareness about the issues Native Americans still face in the U.S.

"We hold workshops so people know about issues that are not only happening here, but just that we are still living in a period of colonization," Davila said. "People are still being displaced and not treated well. These people were here before anyone. It's really important to gain that visibility, to say that they're still here even with that whole assimilation thing, they're still here and present and fighting for their rights."

Byrd also recognizes the contradictory nature of the conflict at the Standing Rock Sioux reservation.
"You see how the government doesn't want to destroy any historical things or any burial sites when it comes to Halloween Emplie BACK TO SCHOOL SALE ENTIRE STORE 10% OFFI
However, Byrd said water rights are just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to issues that plague reservations. Raised by grandparents who grew up on Navajo land, she knows how tough it can be to live there.
"Not only is water an issue on the reservation, it's visibility, too," Byrd said. "We're kind of pushed away. Education isn't that good, alcoholism is a horrible thing happening there [as well as] violence. It's hard to see that not being there."
Alex Sherwood, who is organizing the "Texas Stands with Standing Rock" protest, said the movement is not just about water but also land rights.
"If they don't want this going through their land, the decision should be up to them because it's their property," Sherwood said.
However, Davila said that the protest really shouldn't have to happen at all.
"We're talking about water here, you know?" Davila said. "Basic human rights. It's not a constitutional right, you don't have to bring government into this. You need [water] to live.
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Following Decades Of High Cancer Rates & BirthDefects, EPABegins Cleanup Of Uranium Mines On Navajo Reservation

The EPA and Navajo Nation have identified 523 abandoned uranium mines scattered throughout Arizona and New Mexico, including dozens located dangerously close to homes or water sources.

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of abandoned mines are scattered across their territory in Arizona and New Mexico, and on Aug. vironmental Protection Agency issued a request for bids, offering \$85 million to environmental t firms that can document the damage and determine where best to focus resources.

ntract is a vital step in the effort to clean up the legacy of uranium contamination in and around o Nation," said Enrique Manzanilla, director of the EPA Superfund in the Pacific Southwest, in a

a added that the agency would prioritize Navajo businesses and individuals capable of doing the

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Go Home 1950s, waste from active and inactive uranium mines has seeped into the Navajo Nation's water which has led to increased rates of cancer, genetic defects, Navajo neurohepatopathy, and increases in mortality," noted Mnar Muhawesh, MintPress News' editor and publisher, in a Feb. 29 analysis of the Navajo mining pollution crisis for "Behind the Headline."

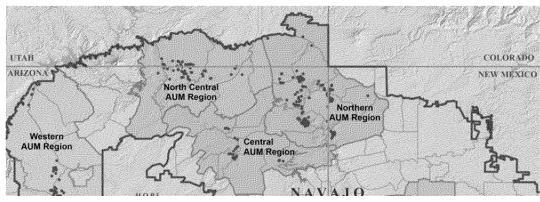
Laurel Morales, a reporter with Arizona Public Media, wrote on Sept. 2 that the EPA has removed "thousands of cubic yards of mine waste" and rebuilt about 50 homes contaminated by mine waste since 2008.

Also on Sept. 2, Adam DeRose, a reporter with Cronkite News, the news division of Arizona PBS, reported:

"These areas in northeastern Arizona and parts of New Mexico and Utah are peppered with abandoned mines as well as sites filled with mining waste, some with potentially dangerous levels of gamma radiation."

In an interview with DeRose, Clancy Tenley, the EPA official in charge of the Navajo Nation clean up program, said:

"This is only one element of a much larger project since 2008. EPA and five other agencies have invested more than \$100 million in cleaning up and assessing abandoned mines on the Navajo Nation."



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Uranium mining occurred in six major areas of the Navajo Nation, now designated as AUM (abandoned uranium mine) Regions. This map indicates the 521 sites mapped by the EPA, but there are estimated to be hundreds more. (Source: EPA)

So far, 523 mines have been identified in the region, and the EPA and Navajo Nation have made a list of 46 which pose the greatest threat to residents or water sources. The EPA has cleanup agreements with 30 of the companies responsible for these mines, while the Justice Department will cover the cleanup costs for Share ping 16. Nine of these dangerous mines have already been targeted for treatment.

budget for the Navajo cleanup efforts largely originates from a \$1 billion bankruptcy settlement ox Incorporated, formerly known as Kerr-McGee Corp., which operated mines throughout the any other mining companies have shut down or run out of money, making them more difficult to court for damages.

liable access to clean, unpolluted water is a recurring issue for Native American and First Nations ies throughout North America. About 40 percent of the Navajo lack running water, with many on monthly water deliveries for survival.



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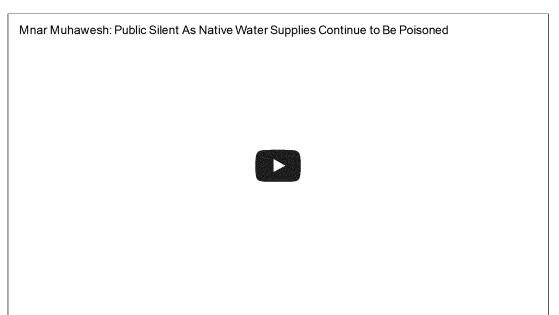
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Go Home months, thousands of Native Americans from over 100 tribes have gathered at the Sacred Stone Fort Yates, North Dakota, to oppose the Dakota Access pipeline. Activists say construction threatens waterways and sacred sites vital to the Standing Rock Sioux.

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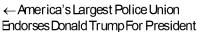
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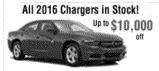
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Water Systems Are Out Of Compliance

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Dozens of public water systems across Oklahoma, including 18 in Southwest Oklahoma, have been cited for being out of compliance with a water quality standard set by the federal Environmental Protection Agency and are working with the state's Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) on plans to meet the standard.

Six water providers in the Lawton area have recently agreed to terms of consent orders with the DEQ: the Duncan Public Utilities Authority, Snyder Public Works Authority, Indiahoma Public Works Authority, Comanche County Rural Water District No. 4, Mountain Park Public Works Authority and the community of Duncan Mobile Village, which purchases its water from a provider.

Patty Thompson, engineering manager for the DEQ's public water supply group, said consent orders are in the works but haven't yet been finalized for 12 other water systems in Southwest Oklahoma.

"We're sending out over 150 of these (consent orders across the state)," Thompson said. "It's small systems. It's big systems, all kinds of communities."

The problem relates to the use of chlorine to treat water. Chlorine has been the go-to chemical used for decades to kill bacteria, viruses and parasites that otherwise might spread diseases like cholera through the water. Some byproducts are left over, however, after chlorine mixes on a molecular level with certain organic materials like decaying leaves, plants or algae. The EPA's limit set on those byproducts, called trihalomethanes or THMs, used to be 100 parts per billion but was lowered by the EPA to 80 parts per billion.

There's a reason for that. Researchers have reported that people who drink two liters of water daily with THMs exceeding 100 parts per billion over the course of a lifetime have a slightly higher risk of developing bladder or colorectal cancer.

Thompson said the DEQ started stepping up enforcement of the THM standard in 2014. Many water systems, which are required to monitor and report on THM levels, have been issued notices of violation after "rolling averages" have exceeded THM limits over multiple quarters. As an example, she said Duncan's quarterly averages since 2013 have ranged from 85 to 172 parts per billion.

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